depend on this large tank. It is therefore necessary to increase the capacity of the tank by raising the waste weir. Just now the crops are failing for want of water. The Kodi may therefore be raised according to the estimate framed sometime ago. Government replied that the project was reported upon adversely by the Chief Engineer. As it is not known whether the adverse opinion was given owing to want of funds or the impracticability of the suggested improvement, the matter is again pressed for consideration.

Reply of Government.—The Chief Engineer is of opinion that it is not necessary to increase the capacity of the tank as it can hold all the water that can drain into it.

SUBJECT No. 382.

Opening a railway connecting Tumkur with French Rocks *via* Kunigal, etc.

Mr. Shamiengar, Kunigal Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A railway may be opened to connect Tumkur with French Rocks, *via* Kunigal, Nelligere, Nagamangala and Melkote. These are important places with much traffic. The line will pay and add to the convenience of the people.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 383.

Tasdik to the Sivadevastanam at Tumkur.

Mr. Raja Nanjappasetti, Tumkur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—There are two ancient temples in the Tumkur town, one dedicated to Siva and the other to Vishnu. The tasdik grant for both of them is very small. There is just enough to meet the daily expenses of paditara, deeparadhane, etc., of the Vishnu temple by supplementing the Government grant from the rents derived from the shops belonging to it. Special *sevas*, such as rathotsava, etc., cannot be conveniently performed. The Siva temple has no other income beyond the tasdik of Rs. 1-3-3 per month. It is requested that a sum of Rs. 8 or 10 per month at least may be sanctioned out of the State Muzrai Funds to carry on the daily *sevas* in the Siva temple, as great difficulty is at present experienced for conducting even the daily *sevas*.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 384.

Free medical advice to the inmates of the Students' Hostel at Tumkur.

Mr. Y. Rama Rao, Tumkur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—A grant may be made for medical advice to the inmates of the Students' Hostel at Tumkur as at Bangalore.

Reply of Government.—The system prevailing in the hostel at Bangalore will be adopted.

SUBJECT No. 385.

Strict enforcement of the Tank Maintenance Rules, in the case of the Tumkur tank.

Mr H. Rama Rao, Tumkur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The rules require that all persons making any use of the water of a tank should execute the annual repairs, but pressure is brought to bear only on the holders of lands under the tank. It is requested that the rules may be strictly enforced. For instance, all the inhabitants of Tumkur who use the Tumkur tank water should do their share of the earthwork.

Reply of Government.—Referred to the Deputy Commissioner for disposal.